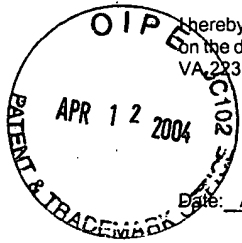


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Sir:

Applicants hereby Petition for the withdrawal of this application from Issue.

The Issue Fee was paid on February 3, 2004.

To Applicants' knowledge, the patent has not yet been scheduled for issue, as of the date of filing this paper.

Applicants request withdrawal from issue for consideration of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, filed together with the present paper. In

the Request for Continued Examination, Applicants submit an Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO-1449, together with copies of references cited therein.

Further details as to the reason for this withdrawal request are set forth in the Letter submitted herewith.

Applicants submit herewith the appropriate fees for this petition, as indicated in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h).

In the event issues arise as a result of the filing of this paper, or remain in the prosecution of this application, Applicants request that the Examiner or the Office to telephone the undersigned attorney to expedite consideration of the papers filed herewith. Should any additional fees be required for the filing of these papers, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account #12-2275, Docket No. 2730R-01.

Respectfully submitted,

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